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1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR BOTTOMLEY AND I ARE AWAITING CALL FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR LEGENDRE WHO SAYS HE NOW HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED WITH JOINT APPROACH SOONEST AND IS ONLY AWAITING RECEIPT OF APPROVED FRENCH TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE BEFORE CALLING TO MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, TODAY IF POSSIBLE. PLAN IS TO PRESENT THREE COPIES OF AIDE MEMOIRE (1 FRENCH AND 2 IN ENGLISH), I.E. ONE FROM EACH MISSION, WITH LEGENDRE ACTING AS SPOKESMAN ON ORAL TALKING POINTS.

2. SEEMS UNLIKELY APPROACH CAN BE MADE NEXT WEEK, HOWEVER, IN WHICH CASE BOTTOMLEY WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT AND ACT AS SPOKESMAN. FRENCH COUNSELOR HOMO WOULD THEN REPRESENT LEGENDRE WHO LEAVES SUNDAY, APRIL 20, FOR HIS LAST WEEK OF FAREWELL CALLS IN PRETORIA AND DEPARTURE FROM THERE TO PARIS.

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3. MEANWHILE, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER SPOKE IN PARLIAMENT AGAIN

THIS MORNING AND DID DEAL WITH DETENTE AND NAMIBIA (BUT NOT RHODESIA, WHICH HE WILL SPEAK ABOUT LATER). STATEMENT ON NAMIBIA BROKE NO NEW GROUND AND LEAVES SITUATION ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED AS FAR AS NEED FOR TRIPARTITE APPROACH IS CONCERNED. HE READ FROM TEXT OF OAU RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA, QUOTING ESPECIALLY ITS CONDITIONS FOR CONTACTS WITH SA BY OAU COMITE ON NAMIBIA. HE SPOKE TO OAU DEMAND FOR RECOGNITION OF RIGHT OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION, INDEPENDENCE, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY BY REITERATING DECLARATION THAT SA DID NOT DESIRE ANY OF SWA LAND, THAT IT WAS UP TO PEOPLES (VOLKERE) OF SWA TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE, AND THAT ALL OPTIONS WERE OPEN. HE TOTALLY REJECTED OAU CALL FOR RECOGNITION OF SWAPO AS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND EMPHASIZED HIS CONTINUED CONTEMPT FOR SWAPO LEADER SAM NUJOMA. CLAIMING PROGRESS IN STEPS TOWARD PLANNED MULTIRACIAL TALKS ON FUTURE OF SWA, VORSTER DRAMATICALLY READ ANNOUNCEMENT OF CREATION OF NEW SWA DEPARTMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE HEADED BY BILLY MARAIS WHOSE FORMER POSITION AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPRESENTATIVE IN SWA IS APPARENTLY ABOLISHED. (THIS MAY CONSTITUTE LITTLE MORE THAN CHANGE OF TITLE WITH MARAIS STILL BEING PRIME MINISTER'S MAN IN WINDHOEK.) HE REJECTED UP OPPOSITION SUGGESTION THAT MINORITY POLITICAL PARTIES PARTICIPATE IN CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS, CONTENDING THAT TALKS WOULD GET NOWHERE IF ALL MINORITY PARTIES HAD TO BE INCLUDED; THEY COULD MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN TO MAJORITY REPRESENTATIVES.

4. COMMENT: IN ESSENCE VORSTER MADE CLEAR SA REMAINS ON PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TRACK OF ARRANGING FOR TALKS AMONG THE VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPINGS OF NAMIBIA, ALTHOUGH (AS IS BEING SEPARATELY REPORTED) PROGRESS TOWARD SUCH TALKS IS SLOW AND NO DETAILS HAVE BEEN GIVEN AS TO EXACTLY HOW OR WHEN THE TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE AND WHAT AGENDA WILL BE FOLLOWED.
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